

Arizona Counties:

County	County Seat	Created	Formed from:	Origin of Name	2009 Population	Area (sq.mi.)
Apache	St. Johns	1879	Part of Yavapai	The Apache people, resident in Arizona	76,668	11,218
Cochise	Bisbee	1881	Part of Pima	Cochise, leader of the Chirichaua Apache	140,263	6,219
Coconino	Flagstaff	1891	Part of Yavapai	Coconino, a Hopi term for Havasupai and Yavapai people	136,735	18,661
Gila	Globe	1881	Parts of Maricopa and Pinal	Gila River	57,204	4,796
Graham	Safford	1881	Parts of Apache and Pima	Mt. Graham	39,792	4,641
Greenlee	Clifton	1909	Part of Graham	Mason Greenlee, a pioneering prospector	8,688	1,848
La Paz	Parker	1983	Part of Yuma	La Paz, a former boomtown*	21,616	4,513
Maricopa	Phoenix	1871	Parts of Pima and Yavapai	Maricopa, native people	4,023,331	9,224
Mohave	Kingman	1864	One of the original 4 AZ counties	Mohave, native people	206,763	13,470
Navajo	Holbrook	1895	Part of Yavapai	Navajo, native people	115,420	9,959
Pima	Tucson	1864	One of the original 4 AZ counties	Pima, native people	1,018,012	9,189
Pinal	Florence	1875	Parts of Maricopa and Pima	Pinal Mountains and the Pinal Native American people	356,303	5,374
Santa Cruz	Nogales	1899	Part of Pima	Santa Cruz River	47,900	1,238
Yavapai	Prescott	1864	One of the original 4 AZ counties	Yavapai, native people	228,494	8,128
Yuma	Yuma	1864	One of the original 4 AZ counties	Yuma, native people	205,940	5,519

In 1864, there were four original Arizona Territory counties: Yavapai, Pima, Yuma and Mohave. Presently, there are fifteen counties in Arizona. They range in date of creation from 1871-1983.

After territorial creation, there was briefly a Paiute County, formed from the northern part of Mohave County.

The land south of the Gila River was part of the Gadsden Purchase. This conforms generally to the northern boundary of the original Pima County.

* La Paz, aka Pot Holes, an AZ mining boomtown [c. 1862-1870, 6 mi. north of Ehrenberg] formerly a port on the Colorado River

The river moved leaving La Paz land locked with the ore played out
Nothing there today save a plaque and a few foundations